

Dental Board Elections Update – 2010

New Elections

As President of the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners I wish to take this opportunity to advise you of the status of the dentists' and dental hygienists' Board elections. You will recall that you previously received a letter from the Board soliciting your participation in both the nomination and balloting process. There were 5 dentist candidates for 3 vacant positions and 1 dental hygienist candidate for the 1 vacant dental hygienist position.

The Board contracted with an independent third party company to conduct the electronic and paper balloting. On May 28, 2010 all licensed dentists and dental hygienists were sent an e-mail from dentalboardelection2010@electionadmin.com which had a Web address/URL and PIN number allowing the recipient to log on and vote. Although a number of dentists and dental hygienists did vote, a number of dentists and dental hygienists reported that they did not receive the e-mail. In addition, a very small number of dental hygienists reported that they received a dentist's ballot. The Board investigated the matter, and discussed it further during an open session meeting on July 7, 2010. The Board was advised by the vendor that all dentists and dental hygienists were sent the e-mail, but for inexplicable reasons a number of them were not received. The Board concludes that the e-mails were sent. In addition, the Board was also advised that the very small number of dental hygienists who receive a dentist's ballot and who voted for a dentist could have those votes invalidated, and in turn be provided with a dental hygienist's ballot.

After considering all of the information, and in order to avoid the appearance of impropriety, on July 7, 2010, as Board President and Election Judge, I declared the election invalid and directed that another election be held. My decision was upheld by a Board vote of 12 in favor, 1 against, and 0 abstaining.

It will not be necessary to re-nominate the candidates. The candidates for the 3 dentist vacancies remain: Ronald F. Moser, D.D.S., Kevin Schwartz, D.M.D., Edna Street-Jones, D.D.S., Billy Brooks Woodward, D.D.S., and Ju Hyon Yu, D.M.D.

The 1 candidate for the 1 vacant dental hygienist position remains Cheryl Bruce, R.D.H.

Very shortly dentists and dental hygienists will receive a letter from the Board outlining how to vote by e-mail or by paper ballot. Please follow those instructions carefully and vote.

I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience. I thank all of you that participated in the first election and urge each of you to please participate in this election.



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President